

## SAM WIDDIFIELD

Describes a Filipino Execution at  
Negros Island.

## REMARKABLE NERVE OF VICTIMS

One of the Sights That Were Com-  
mon Before the Advent of  
the Americans.

Mrs. M. C. Widdifield, mother of Lieutenant S. W. Widdifield, has received letters verifying the news of her son's promotion. By the last mail from Manila she also received an extremely interesting letter from him, together with his picture taken at Iloilo, which is here reproduced. The letter, from which the following extracts have been taken, was written at Negros Island on May 16th last:

"We are located in Isabella, one of the native towns on the island," he writes, "and of all the lonesome places



FIRST LIEUT. S. W. WIDDIFIELD,  
U. S. A.  
(From a photo taken at Iloilo, P. I.)

on earth this takes the bakery. It takes an age to get anything here from Manila, and our mail is always a couple of weeks late. We expect to receive orders to leave for home any day now. Company I seems to be ordered to march all over the island from one end to the other while the other companies stay in camp or march five or six miles and back again.

"You know, of course, that we are here to protect the peaceful natives and those who want good government from the raids and murders of the renegade priest and outlaw named Ignacio Pabel. So whenever word comes to headquarters that he is around any little village or sugar plantation we are dispatched there immediately. The other night word came to us that Ignacio was going to raid a town called Castellan, fifteen miles from here. So the Captain picked out twenty of us and sent us there immediately to meet him. We made the fifteen miles across swamps and rivers in exactly four hours on foot and reached there at 9 o'clock in the evening. We stayed there fifteen days and during that time I saw something that I have always wanted to see and something that seems so much more cruel and blood-thirsty than war. You can stand and shoot down an opposing soldier because he has his gun pointed and you are about to save your life, but to see an execution of three men looks pretty cold-blooded and you must have pretty strong nerves to stand it without flinching.

"You know the United States Government here has enlisted about 100 natives as police, and they are governed and ruled by a man named General Ramos, a half-caste Spaniard. Well, these native soldiers are red hot after this band of outlaws led by Ignacio, and in one of their raids against him they captured three of his men. They were tried and found guilty of being outlaws and assassins and sentenced to be shot. General Ramos had told us that he would let us know when the execution was to take place. So one morning he sent us word to come up to his headquarters, as the execution was to take place then.

"The day was a beautiful one. It was like our ideal days in Honolulu. The sun shone bright and a gentle wind was blowing, and everywhere could be seen that quiet and peace, that tends to make life a pleasure in the tropics. We marched up to the headquarters and waited a few moments. Then General Ramos came down and picked out from among his soldiers the best shots and made them into the firing squad. Directly afterwards the three men came down tied together and abreast of each other. They were dressed in dirty working clothes, for according to a custom among the natives that when a man is sentenced to die he sends his best clothes and so forth to his nearest relative or friend—just the opposite to our ideas among criminals. I honestly affirm that, although the men were a trifle pale about the face, they were as cool as though they were on their way home. The crowd around them was much more affected, and many a boy in our squad was as white as a ghost. As for myself, I felt very squeamish. The three men were marched to their positions and the firing squad took their places about thirty feet to the rear of them. (They always shoot their victims in the back in this country.) I watched the victims as they took their places, and one of them, with all the coolness a person could possibly have, reached down and pulled up his pants so as to enable him to kneel better, the same as I or any one would do if we were afraid of crouching or bagging our pants at the knees. Immediately on kneeling they crossed and recrossed themselves and said their prayers, having pre-

viously confessed and been absolved upstairs by the priest. You can nerve these simple natives up to almost anything, such is their blind obedience to the religion of their priests. They were still praying, with their hands raised in supplication when "crash" went the volley, and the poor men were straightened up and thrown flat on their faces, a convulsive shudder from two of them and their souls were with the One who would judge them again and justly. The third lay twitching and clenching his hands, so a soldier walked up behind him and ended the poor fellow's life with a well-directed shot in the head. When the volley was fired two bullets hit the middle one of the three victims square in the head, and you could see a piece of his skull about as large as a saucer go flying through the air.

"We went up and looked for the effects of the bullets on them, and you could see at a glance that they never knew what hit them. The one on the left was shot straight through the head and died instantly. The one in the center, with his head all blown to pieces, the same and the one on the right, although not dead from the first shot, was unconscious when ended with the second. Thus died three men for following what a priest in his religious garb had ordered them to do, and in their blind, fanatical way of reasoning thought they were doing right. Such sights as this were common, every-day occurrences before the advent of the Americans in this country.

"We went home and for the remainder of the day the boys kept unusually quiet and did not feel so much like skylarking. We were all pretty busy with our own thoughts, and every once in a while some one would break the silence with 'Geet how that middle man's head looked,' or 'Wasn't it cold-blooded?' As for myself, I will remember it until my dying day. I have seen heaps of dead bodies, both native and American, and seen men shoot down other men, and have shot and killed some myself, but nothing looked so like cold-blooded murder as that execution of three Filipino outlaws.

"We have just heard that Aguinaldo has surrendered and that all the fighting has ceased, both in Manila and Luzon. How true it is I don't know, but we hear all kinds of reports and never get a paper or a line from Manila.

"The climate here is grand and wherever we go we strike a river and the bathing is great. I am in very good health although I have just gotten over an attack of dysentery, and, although feeling fine, am a little thin."

## THE TWO STAPLES

Market Reports on Sugar  
and Coffee.

No Advance Anticipated in Raw  
Sugars—Hawian Coffee Hold  
Their Own and Are Firm.

Willett & Gray's latest concerning the New York sugar market is to the effect that in the second week of July there were buyers for centrifugals at 4½ cents and for muscovados at 4, but few sellers, one cargo only having been placed since the holiday at last quotations. Some holders are inclined to try for 1-16 cent advance, but as the independents do not seem to want further supplies at the moment, it is doubtful if any advance can be established, particularly as Europe, after a temporary firmness and advance, is again showing considerable weakness and decline.

A reciprocity treaty has been concluded in Washington by the representatives of the United States and Great Britain covering the trade with Jamaica, and now awaits ratification by the United States Senate and the Jamaican authorities. The terms of the treaty are withheld, as usual, until it is acted upon in the Senate.

The exports of sugar from the Hawaiian Islands to all ports (San Francisco, New York, etc.) from January 1 to March 31, 1899, were 73,552 tons (224 lbs.) against 65,168 tons for the same period last year.

Otis, McAllister & Co. report the receipts of coffee at San Francisco for the week ending July 12 at 16,194 bags, of which 342 were Hawaiian. Prices of the latter do not show any material decline during the past month, chiefly for the reason that stocks are small and firmly held; something strictly fancy will still bring high figures, but such coffees are very scarce. We believe that considerable concessions would have to be made on the asking prices of medium grades in order to effect sales of any consequence. Sales have been made of 15 bags Penberry good to fancy washed, at 12¢10; 139 bags good current quality, at 12¢10; 573 bags prime, at 14¢15; 19 bags fancy, at 16¢17; 68 bags fancy extra bold washed, at 18¢; 19 bags Triage, at 5¢7c. To-day's stocks in first hands amounts to 963 bags.

NEW OCEAN GREYHOUND RECORD.  
NEW YORK, July 19.—The New York office of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company received a cablegram announcing that the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse arrived at Cherbourg at 7:45 o'clock this afternoon in the record-breaking time of five days, twenty hours and fifty-five minutes, having passed the Sandy Hook lightship at 12:50 p. m. on the 4th and covered a distance of 3190 miles. Her average time was 22.62 knots, an against her best previous record of 22.56 knots.

## ANOTHER HOTEL

Located Near Kapiolani Park and  
Beach.

## GEORGE PARIS THE PROMOTER

Six-Story Building With Two Hun-  
dred Rooms—Cost Two Hun-  
dred Thousand Dollars

If certain plans are carried out it will not be many days before Honolulu can boast of one of the most complete and modern hotels to be found anywhere in the world. There will no longer be ground for the taunt that many people would visit Honolulu were there more accommodations for travelers. Beautiful Waikiki is again the spot chosen for the new enterprise. The promoter is George H. Paris, who for the past five months has made an exhaustive study of hotel matters. The result of his inquiries is a big, yet feasible, project.

It is proposed to erect in Waikiki on the vacant property nearly opposite the race track a six-story building. This will be the hotel, and it will contain 200 rooms. No convenience or modern appliance for comfort is to be omitted. Passing through spacious gardens, the guests will arrive at the main entrance. Two swift hydraulic elevators will take them to any of the floors. In the center of the building will be a large court to admit light and air. Around every story runs a veranda for promenaders. The rooms all open both into a well-lighted hall and onto the verandas. In each apartment the dial system will be used so that the guest may order anything without leaving the room. Large bathrooms are on every floor. The sixth story is the one par excellence. This is given over entirely to a large dining hall, 92 by 150 feet. The walls are of dropping French windows, so that if desired they may be all let down, leaving a veritable roof garden with all Honolulu and the ocean spread out to the view. Dumb-waiters will carry the food from the kitchen, which will be on the first floor. To guard against the odors from this latter department, a ventilating system is so arranged that all fumes are carried off without the possibility of their pervading the hotel. A large bathhouse will be erected at the beach with hot and cold, salt and fresh water in large tiled pools. Nothing will be lacking to make the hotel strictly first-class in every detail. In preference to other companies the cost will be about \$200,000.

A company is to be incorporated to carry out this grand project and shares in the same will be offered to the public in the usual way. Already Mr. Paris has been approached by many people who desire to invest. The plans are being drawn by H. L. Kerr & Co., and have been viewed by a number of people. It is understood that one of Honolulu's most prominent business men is behind Mr. Paris, the promoter.

## LAD TO REF.

Funeral of the Late Robt. Grievs  
Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Robert Grievs took place yesterday afternoon from the home on Beretania street, Rev. Alex Mackintosh officiating. The casket in which the body reposed was hidden under floral pieces of great beauty. The house was crowded with friends of the old-time printer and publisher. Among those present could be seen Governor Cleghorn, B. P. Dillingham, John Nott, Captain Godfrey, H. A. Parmelee, Captain J. H. Black, Henry Smith, Chas. H. Clapp, A. T. Atkinson, Colonel Soper, J. Mort, J. S. F. Morgan, John Cassidy, W. O. Atwater, Geo. F. McLeod, Arthur Harrison, John Neill, N. G. Gedde, and many of the former and present employees of the deceased. A long line of carriages accompanied the body to Nuuanu Cemetery, where the last words were spoken and the remains laid in the family plot.

## The Sugar Fleet.

The arrival of the sugar fleet from the Hawaiian Islands, most of which is now long overdue, is being awaited with considerable anxiety. The Lurline came in Sunday, twenty-six days out of Kahului, with 9500 bags of sugar. She was docked at Oakland yesterday. Her captain reported that his delay was caused by the lightest winds that he ever met on the run. He went 450 miles to the north of this port to take advantage of the north-westerly winds. The following sugar-laden vessels are now overdue: From Hilo, the bark Santiago, 21 days out; the barkentine Archer, 26 days. From Honolulu, the barkentine Mohagan, 20 days; Bendixsen, 27 days; Irmgard, 24 days; Robert Sudden, 19 days; Himalaya, 17 days; the barkentine Planter, 19 days; the ship Standard, 26 days; Aryan, 24 days; the schooner Aloha, 21 days; the brig W. O. Irwin, 20 days. From Kahului, the schooner William Bowden, 24 days, and the barkentine Weather, 17 days.—S. F. Chronicle July 12.

From Childhood  
To MotherhoodTook it as a Child: Now gives  
it to her own Children.

Mrs. Mabel Boulton of Brisbane, Queens-  
land, has had the following unusual and most  
delightful experience:



"From infancy I was weak and delicate  
and grew to be anything but a robust child.  
I suffered from debility, no appetite, and  
the usual consequence of such complaints.  
But my parents hearing of the health restor-  
ing properties of

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procured some for me and I am happy to say  
that after having taken two bottles I regained  
health, vigor and good appetite and have not  
been troubled ever since. I am now married,  
have a family of my own, am still strong and  
well, and can recommend Dr. Ayer's Sar-  
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promptly relieve and surely cure. Take them  
with Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla: one aids the other.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Sugar steady at 4½.

The Japanese midshipmen of the Hi-  
yei were out for a march and parade  
yesterday morning.

H. P. Walton, of the Peerless Pre-  
serving Paint Company, has gone to  
Eleese on business.

Manager Hedemann of the Honolulu  
Iron Works, has returned from the  
Coast with his wife.

Archie Smithies has resigned his  
position in the Interior Department to  
take a position down town.

Leon Guislain, Belgian consul at San  
Francisco, leaves by the Moana, after  
a brief visit to the Islands.

A fine crayon portrait of the late Robert  
Grievs is on exhibition at the Hol-  
lister Drug Company's store.

Mrs. J. H. Fisher and daughter, Miss  
Irene, have returned from a three  
months' visit to the Mainland.

The laborers who broke ground for  
the Rapid Transit Company a few  
days ago are still proceeding with the  
work.

Work on the police station addition  
is progressing rapidly, and the new  
structure will be ready for occupation  
shortly.

The new 5-cent stamps have arrived  
and were placed on sale yesterday af-  
ternoon. They are blue instead of red,  
as formerly.

Word was received by the Coptic  
that the Gaelic had not been quaran-  
tined and would be along on time. She  
is due tomorrow.

"Jack" Dassel, a well-known Cali-  
fornia stockman, is in town, having  
arrived a few days ago with some  
horses for Charles Beilina.

Mr. Robert F. Lange has charge of  
the affairs of the Belgian Consulate as  
acting Consul during the temporary  
absence of Consul H. Pocke.

Ex-Senator H. W. Schmidt, Consul at  
this port for Sweden and Norway, re-  
turned from San Francisco on the Coptic,  
accompanied by his daughter.

W. G. Cooper, who is to be cashier  
of the First American Bank, arrived  
on the Coptic with his wife. They are  
at the Hawaiian.

The Agricultural Bureau has re-  
ceived from Prof. Koehle a box of par-  
asites to destroy the white cabbage  
butterfly. The Professor is expected  
here on his way to the Philippines by  
the next steamer.

The addition that Colonel de la  
Vergne is building on the front of the  
Fisher cottage, on Beretania street, re-  
cently purchased by him, is going to  
be a great improvement to the place.

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.  
Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co.  
AND  
Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

Steamers of the above companies will call at Honolulu and leave this  
port on or about the dates below mentioned:

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COPTIC	JULY 21	CITY OF PEKING	JULY 14
AMERICA MARU	JULY 29	GALIC	JULY 22
CITY OF PEKING	AUG. 8	CHINA	AUG. 8
GAELIC	AUG. 16	DORIC	AUG. 16
CHINA	SEPT. 1	NIPON MARU	AUG. 25
DORIC	SEPT. 9	RIPO DE JANEIRO	SEPT. 12
		COPTIC	SEPT. 12

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO:

COPTIC	JULY 21	CITY OF PEKING	JULY 14
AMERICA MARU	JULY 29	GALIC	JULY 22
CITY OF PEKING	AUG. 8	CHINA	AUG. 8
GAELIC	AUG. 16	DORIC	AUG. 16
CHINA	SEPT. 1	NIPON MARU	AUG. 25
DORIC	SEPT. 9	RIPO DE JANEIRO	SEPT. 12
		COPTIC	SEPT. 12

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Will leave Honolulu every Tuesday at  
12 o'clock M., touching at Kaula, Kailua,  
Maunaloa, Bay, Kihai, Makana,  
Mahukona, Kawaihae and Laupahoehoe,  
arriving at Hilo Wednesday even-  
ings.

Returning will sail from Hilo every  
Friday at 6 p. m., touching at above  
named ports, arriving at Honolulu Sat-  
urday nights.

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Mahukona, Kawaihae and Laupahoehoe,  
arriving at Hilo Wednesday even-  
ings.

Returning will sail from Hilo every  
Friday at 6 p. m., touching at above  
named ports, arriving at Honolulu Sat-  
urday nights.

S. S. LEHUA,  
BENNETT, Master.

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Sails every Monday for Kaula, Kailua,  
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sponsible for any consequences arising  
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Consignees must be at the Landings  
to receive their freight; this company  
will not hold itself responsible for  
freight after it has been landed.

Live Stock received only at owner's  
risk.

This Company will not be responsible  
for Money or Valuables of passengers  
unless placed in the care of Purser.

Passengers are requested to purchase  
tickets before embarking. Those fail-  
ing to do so will be subject to an ad-  
ditional charge of twenty-five per cent.

The Company will not be liable for  
loss of, nor injury to, nor delay in the  
delivery of baggage or personal effects  
of the passenger beyond the amount of  
\$100.00, unless the value of the same  
be declared, at or before the time of  
the ticket, and freight is paid thereon.

All employees of the Company are  
forbidden to receive freight without de-  
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